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## DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

Title of Invention	HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY INCLUDING A TRACE SUSPENSION ASSEMBLY BACKING LAYER WITH A CONDUCTIVE LAYER FORMED UPON A GIMBAL HAVING A LOWER OXIDATION RATE	
As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:		
This declaration is directed to:		
<input type="checkbox"/> The attached application, or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application No. <u>10/676,538</u> filed on <u>9/30/2003</u> <input type="checkbox"/> as amended on _____ (if applicable);		
I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;		
I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;		
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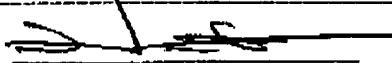
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